Trafficking of minor girls

709. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILP DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that minor girls are being sold in poor and most backward areas/States in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the States where such cases are taking place and have come to the notice of Government during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for the protection of girls from "sonography machine" and "sale" and if not, by when the girls would be saved from their sale for money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from National Crime Records Bureau, the statement showing cases registered under procuration of minor girls, during last three years, State-wise and year-wise is annexed as Statement, *(see* below)

(c) The Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 has appropriate provisions for prohibition of misuse of pre-natal diagnostic techniques such as ultra sonography for determination of sex foetus, leading to female foeticide. The Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956 is being amended to make it more stringent for traffickers and brothel keepers to prevent trafficking and sale of girls for sexual exploitation. The Government has also drawn up Plan of Action to combat trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. The Plan of Action consist of action points such as Prevention of Trafficking and Awareness Generation etc. The State Government have been requested to implement the Plan.

Statement

Cases registered under procuration of minor girls during 2003, 2004 *&* 2005

SI. No.	State/UT	Procuration of minor girls		
		2003	2004	2005
1	2	3	4	5
	Andhra Pradesh	46	60	48
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
3.	Assam	12	8	0
4.	Bihar	1	7	5
5.	Chhattisgarh	0	1	0
6.	Goa	5	1	0
7.	Gujarat	2	5	12
8.	Haryana	3	0	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0
11.	Jharkhand	5	5	4
12.	Karnataka	1	4	7
13.	Kerala	7	20	21
14.	Madhya Pradesh	13	2	4
15.	Maharashtra	20	14	5
16.	Manipur	0	0	0
17.	Meghalaya	0	0	4
18.	Mizoram	0	0	0
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0
20.	Orissa	4	3	0
21.	Punjab	0	0	2
22.	Rajasthan	1	1	1
23.	Sikkim	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5
24.	Tamil Nadu	0	6	0
25.	Tripura	0	0	0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	28	23	3
27.	Uttaranchal	7	32	9
28.	West Bengal	12	13	20
	Total (States)	171	205	145
29.	A&N Islands	0	0	0
30.	Chandigarh	0	0	0
31.	D&N Haveli	0	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
33.	Delhi	0	0	0
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	0	0	0
	TOTAL (UTS)	0	0	0
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	171	205	145

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): Sir, I lay on the Table, under section 29 of the National Tax Tribunal Act, 2005, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs), Notification G.S.R. 9 (E) dated the 9th January, 2006, publishing the National Tax Tribunal (Salary, Allowances and other Conditions of Service of the Officers and Employees) Rules, 2005, together with delay statement. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T 4574/06]